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Looking for low food prices

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Energy war rhetoric

President Carter emerged from Camp David with the most comprehensive energy legislation of his presidency. He declared World War III on elusive energy independence from foreign oil.

Even though the president recommended many proposals, only some were promising. Among legislation Carter asked for were the following:

- creating an Energy Mobilization Board (EMB). It would be empowered to waive federal, state, and local laws in order to increase energy production.

- removal of price controls on heavy oil. A Los Angeles Times article recently said this oil, which is abundant in California, would be produced at a greater rate.

- pumping \$10 billion into mass transit. Carter said he wants to expand bus and train services.

These proposals could create more havoc than energy.

Allowing one board to completely bypass laws in order to stimulate production of energy will endanger both the environment and fair business. Projects such as Diablo Canyon or the Long Beach Gas terminal to be built by Standard Oil of Ohio—both under criticism as being dangerous to the environment—would be approved despite health dangers.

The EMB will be composed of members appointed by Carter. Like the Atomic Energy Commission, some of the appointees will be biased to corporate interests.

Removing price controls on heavy oil will not only raise the price but also create greater amounts of smog due to production.

Mass transit is currently losing money because of low use. Amtrack cut back service to some California routes and is expected to reduce more service. Taking either a train or a bus from San Luis Obispo to Sacramento is more expensive than using a car.

Carter's speech was needed to bolster both his sagging ratings and the national mood of discontentment from the gas squeeze. But there were some glaring omissions in his talk.

The president failed to mention how Mexican oil would fit into his ten year plan. Mexico, which has as much oil as Saudi Arabia, is willing to find a buyer.

Also, asking people to save energy by obeying the speed limits and other conservation efforts will produce minimal results. Instead, Carter needs to require sacrifices from all citizens.

Walking in history

Ten years ago tomorrow man first set foot on the moon. For the more than 500 million earthlings who watched the spectacular event it was a breathtaking site.

After a decade of violence starting with the murder of a president, the slaying of his brother and the killing of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., the moon walk made for great pride among Americans. Embroiled in a costly war in Viet Nam the U.S. government had the perfect vehicle to get our minds off of it.

And for a while it did. The anticipation of the event was great and when it was over congratulatory cables came in from all over the world including the Soviet Union, to then president Richard Nixon. With eyes fixed on the television most of us watched in awed silence an event that held such great significance we thought we'd never be the same. It was science fiction turned fact.

But now, ten years later, that fantastic feat has been relegated to languish in record books waiting to be looked up by a student doing a term paper.

The preceding moon trips, there were seven in all, were uneventful and unwatched. Soon the whole program became unloved. Americans figured any government that could put a man on the moon should be able to cure poverty, racism, and most of society's ills. As soon as it was found out that technological application couldn't be used to solve problems on earth the space program became something of an enigma among Americans.

The moon rocks most of us marveled about and some of us actually saw have told us little about how the earth was formed or for that matter how the moon was formed—something NASA scientists said they would.

The historic voyage restored dignity in America around the world and at home but the long run implications were slight. What the moon landing actually did was get people's minds off the problems at home but the effect was only temporary.

It's difficult to classify the historic moon walk. Though we'd all like to believe it was "one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind" it falls markedly below Astronaut Neil Armstrong's historic words.



Conservatively speaking

Even on my black and white T.V., Carter took on several shades of pink during his grim energy speech to the nation Sunday. He threw a basic precept of capitalism, rugged individualism, right out the window. Donning the unsmiling face of Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, Carter urged the American people to sacrifice their individual luxuries for the good of the United States.

He called the citizens forward, emphasizing the power of the masses to win the war on energy. He said, "I can not do this alone."

Carter tried to mobilize mass conservation in his speech by likening the battle against energy to a war effort. War has aroused patriotic responses before. It worked for Roosevelt, maybe Carter thought it could work for him,

too.

The trouble with Carter's plan isn't his ideas. They are good and necessary. The trouble lies in the system he wants to implement those ideas in. This is a capitalist country. The people aren't accustomed to sacrificing for the good of anyone but

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themselves. Their own good is really all that most people care about. Until Carter can make it clear to the selfish "rugged individuals" that energy is dissolving for them too, his cooperation plan will fail.

Letters

People power

Editors:

We must now turn to a basic question: What are the legitimate functions of government?

Adam Smith's invisible hand of economics is now guided by government regulations in the petroleum market simply because we are addicted to oil products. Furthermore, recent reports reveal OIA administering of

LSD and other hallucinogens to unwitting victims in the name of national security. And still, what remains to be said about Skylab, an expensive orbiting hotel transformed overnight into a flying heap of junk metal?

This episode in American history has been brought to you by your federal government. Time has come for us to strip government to the bone and give the power back to the people.

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Prices vary at San Luis Obispo grocery stores

San Luis Obispo food shoppers are getting Lucky.

Secari's, a locally owned supermarket has sold out to Lucky markets. The major changes will be the name, colors, and the prices. Lucky's prices will be lower, on almost all items, than those of major competitors in San Luis Obispo.

In a store-to-store comparison of prices prior to the Secari's-Lucky change over, Williams Brothers had the best prices. No store in the comparison had consistently lower prices than the others. In spite of the trade-offs, Williams Brothers prices came out ahead on items such as meat, vegetables, fruit, and beer.

Two of the stores—Giant Food on Broad Street, and the Laurel Market on Laurel Lane—had lower prices on a few items but were generally higher than Williams Brothers.

The store with the highest prices was Safeway. The best prices to be found in

Safeway were the Lucerna dairy products. Their cottage cheese was 16 cents cheaper than all others. In the meat section, Safeway's prices were either comparable to the other stores, or up to \$1 more per pound. The variation of the cuts of meat offered,

and the prices, depend entirely on what wholesalers a store buys from and how much money a store wants to make.

Analysis by Bob Berger

For those who can afford it, Safeway had the greatest variety of cuts. It even had fish when most of the other stores didn't.

Giant Food had a large selection of meat with competitive prices. Here the trade-off with Williams Brothers were even. Giant Food had a good selection of fish, including Calamary—squid.

The surprise store was the Laurel Market. For people who don't mind limited selections of meat, and would rather support a mom and pop store, this is the place to go. Though the selection of meat was limited, the prices were comparable to those of Giant Food and Williams Brothers.

For veggies, the best place to shop would be Williams Brothers. In the selection and quality of produce, Williams Brothers was better than the others. The prices were better than Giant Food, as was the quality, and the selection was much better than Laurel Market. Safeway was totally out of the picture when it came to produce. It was varied and top quality, but more expensive than all the others.

In milk, butter, and bread the prices were generally the same in all stores. However, due to the Soviet crop failure, whole grain breads will probably rise sharply. Now is the time to buy New Horizons bread, or any other bread that sports sawdust as "roughage".

Lucky's milk and butter were the cheapest. The same is true for bread. A loaf of Parisian French Bread sells for 75 cents as compared to 79 cents in competing stores.

While Lucky's prices are currently lower than those of its competitors, what happens in the face of inflation and after the grand-opening sales are over remain to be seen. Lucky's lower prices are due to the buying power of volume. But buying out a local enterprise is not always a popular move.

Except for specials, beer in all of the stores was fair trade. However, Williams Brothers came through with the best price, \$1.99 for a twelve pack—of Lucky.



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Nicaragua: An insider's story from the outside

BY JILL HENDRICKSON

Summer Staff Writer

Editor's note: The following story was written previous to Nicaragua President Anastasio Somoza's resignation on Monday night.

As Alfredo Barcenas discusses the frustrations of living in the United States and watching his native Nicaragua ripped apart by civil war, two topics ruffle his cool, calm appearance.

One is the American media's handling of Nicaraguan news. The other is what Barcenas describes as Cal Poly students' widespread ignorance of even the most rudimentary facts about Nicaragua.

"What's really upsetting is half the time they confuse Nicaragua with Nigeria," says the 21-year-old crop science senior. "Once they find out it's not, then they ask, is that in Mexico?"

Barcenas is one of four Nicaraguan Cal Poly students. He works five days a week as an assistant in the Language Lab. Besides being cut off from a political turmoil



TROUBLED—Alfredo Barcenas, a 21-year-old crop science major at Cal Poly, discusses the

problems in his native country, Nicaragua.

that touches his family,

friends and emotions. Barcenas lives and works with people he considers misinformed and disinterested in

his country's plight. He doesn't condemn them. He blames the United States government for peddling its version of Nicaraguan affairs,

and he blames the media for perpetuating "biased" news accounts.

"The people aren't well informed," he says. "They get distorted versions."

Of particular concern to

Barcenas has been the media's catch-all labeling of anti-Somoza activities as Marxist-leftist.

"All kinds of people are fighting just to get Somoza out," he says, adding that in the beginning many fought with only "sticks and pistols" against the system.

Barcenas is proud of his people. His feeling contrasts

sharply with the perceptions of some of his peers.

He remembers sitting one day in the U.U. next to two students reading about Nicaragua in the Los Angeles Times. After finishing the story, one student commented that the Nicaraguans were like animals.

"I guess you really don't feel what it's about until you suffer it in your own flesh," Barcenas says.

He feels it in his own flesh, if only vicariously. One of his brothers is in Costa Rica now after fleeing Nicaragua when the political heat flared up.

"All I know is one day I was sitting around the house, and one of my brothers calls and says, 'Jose is in the Venezuelan embassy.'"

After taking refuge there, Jose left for Costa Rica, where he is now helping organize the provisional government that will take over should Somoza's regime fall.

Barcenas' direct contact with family and friends in Nicaragua is sketchy. He says he can make telephone calls early in the morning, but by afternoon the lines are clogged by the government and news agencies.

The mail service is not reliable. "I write letters, but they don't get there," he says. "What are you gonna do when the country's running upside down?"

Barcenas has one more brother trying to get out of Nicaragua. He has been watching over family

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Cal Poly employees may strike this afternoon

BY TERI BAUER

Cal Poly employees may begin picketing today if the Legislature fails to override Gov. Brown's 5.2 percent reduction of the state employee raise in the budget. The Senate is scheduled to vote at 10:30 this morning. If the override passes, the vote will go immediately to the Assembly. The first override vote was taken in the Senate Monday and was four votes short of the two-thirds majority needed.

A statewide employees strike will take effect today if the override fails again, said Frank Rowan, local representative of the California State Employees Association (CSEA). The campus chapter of the CSEA has organized a "telephone tree" to notify picket teams, Rowan said, and if an override is not achieved by 1 p.m., campus employees could simply decide to not return from lunch today. Half of the university support staff are CSEA members.

Rowan said. Most of the members are plant operations staff. This includes custodians, maintenance workers, and grounds staff. Maintenance personnel will not be the only people absent from campus if there is a strike. In addition to campus staff support, an organization representing professors has indicated they will not cross the picket lines. "One thing we won't do is cross a legitimate picket line," said Dr. Stan Dundon, a Cal

Poly philosophy professor and member of the United Professors of California (UPC). During the regular school year, about 200 faculty members belong to the UPC, said Dundon. He estimates the summer membership at around 90 teachers. "We feel the staff has an absolute right to the higher salaries. We'll do whatever we can to back them up," he said. This includes not crossing any picket lines, Dundon said, although he doesn't want to

cancel any classes. "I personally will not hold classes on campus. I will let the students know and then I'll hold them off-campus," he said. If a teacher wishes to hold a class off-campus, permission is required from the school's dean, according to Section 2331C of the Campus Administration Manual. "Approval is not

automatic," said Acting University President Hazel Jones. "If the administration wanted to get tough, they could," Dundon said. "It is an illegal strike (no collective bargaining contract) and they could fire us after five days." "Frankly there are a few faculty members they would like to get rid of, and I'm one of them."

Classes may go on if employees strike

No matter what CSEA members decided to do today concerning the strike, Cal Poly students should go to class, said Acting University President Hazel Jones. Jones is president in the absence of Acting President Dale Andrews. "You should absolutely go to class," she said. "We're not anticipating many teachers being out and hopefully we'll

be able to get substitutes if some do stay out." Jones said Wednesday she was unaware of what the plans of members of employees organizations were and would not know unless someone called her. "We obviously don't have a game plan," she said. "But my primary concern is the students and that they don't get ripped-off. That's what I

care about." As of Wednesday, administrators had not met with any faculty members or among themselves to decide on a contingency plan. Acting Director of Public Affairs Dan McCaleb said his office would make an attempt to notify all media about the

university's "ability to take care of our students." If the strike becomes severe and if many students call the public affairs office for information, McCaleb said telephone answering arrangements will be set up to answer questions.

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Student's report may benefit endangered rat

BY JACK BRADFORD

Summer Staff Writer

The mighty peregrine falcon must share its coastal habitat with another member of the endangered species list—the tiny Morro Bay kangaroo rat.

The kangaroo rat is a small, brown rodent three to four inches long with a foot long tail. Its name comes from the

way it hops—similar to a kangaroo.

More commonly associated with arid desert regions and sidewinder rattlesnakes, the Morro Bay kangaroo rat is located near the dunes between the town of Los Osos and Montana de Oro State Park.

At the present time the population of the rodents is less than 2,000.

Although 2,000 may seem like a lot of rodents, Janice Toyoshima, a Cal Poly student doing a masters thesis on the Morro Bay kangaroo rat, says it is a low enough population to have the rat placed on the endangered species list.

Besides working on her thesis Toyoshima is also working for the Department of Fish and Game for the summer as she did last year. It was through her job last summer that she first started her study on the kangaroo rats.

The Department of Fish and Game had recently ac-

quired a 50-acre reserve for the rodents located west of the Pecho Valley Road and north of Montana de Oro State Park and they wished to have a study done of the kangaroo rat population there.

Toyoshima was asked to do this report which she finished last December. She is in the process of finishing up her thesis.

What she learned from her study doesn't look too promising for the rodents.

In a year's time, using Sherman Live Traps and oatmeal for bait, she was able to capture only six specimens. Upon capture they were sexed, aged, marked and released.

According to Toyoshima, the main reason for the low population is the dense, tall

brush which covers a majority of the reserve. Kangaroo rats need sparse, low ground cover in order to survive.

In the Bayview Heights area south of Los Osos, which has much less brush than the reserve, she was able to capture six specimens in one week. But here the land is privately owned and advancing housing threatens the rodent's habitat.

She said the State Department of Fish and Game has considered buying land in the Bayview Heights area but it would be costly.

"When it was learned that the state was going to buy the 50 acres for a reserve the price of the land went sky high," she said.

A couple of measures that

can be taken to help the rodents are a brush clearing program for the reserve and a captive breeding program.

"Control burning would be the most efficient method of brush removal but it would be difficult to get the Coastal Commission to agree to it," she said.

If the present situation worsens it is possible that a captive breeding program would be started. The rodents would be bred in captivity and then released to suitable habitat when available.

From her study Toyoshima is not too optimistic.

"I don't think they have much of a chance," she said.

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possessions, including a 5,000-acre farm near Managua, the capital of Nicaragua.

When Barcenas first began crop science studies at Cal Poly, it was his intention that he would return to help manage the farm. He is not sure what will be left of their land holdings when things stabilize in Nicaragua. The family could lose some property, and if so, he will have to alter his plans.

But Barcenas says the upheaval in his country has turned his attention away from himself. He is now aware of his responsibilities toward less fortunate Nicaraguans.

"We have property, but I also have to help the people," he says. "I'd like my knowledge to benefit them. They're going to have to be educated."

He wants to work on multiple crop research to find ways of increasing the yield on limited acreage.

"No crops are being planted," he says. What will people do next year? They can't live off Red Cross forever."

Barcenas plans to graduate from Cal Poly at the end of summer quarter, but he's not sure when he can return to Nicaragua.

"I wish I knew," he sighs, "I have to talk to my family first and see what the situation is like."

If the turmoil hasn't died down, he will work somewhere else until it's safe to go back home.

"I'm more valuable alive...but I will go back," he says. "It's only a matter of time."

Children's puppet show

A program of free puppet plays for children will be presented in Room 212 of the music building at Cal Poly on Friday, July 27, and Monday, July 30.

The plays will last one hour and are scheduled for 10 a.m. on Friday and 10:10 a.m. and 1:10 p.m. on Monday.

The plays are being staged by students enrolled in children's drama courses at the university and are open to all school-aged children in San Luis Obispo.

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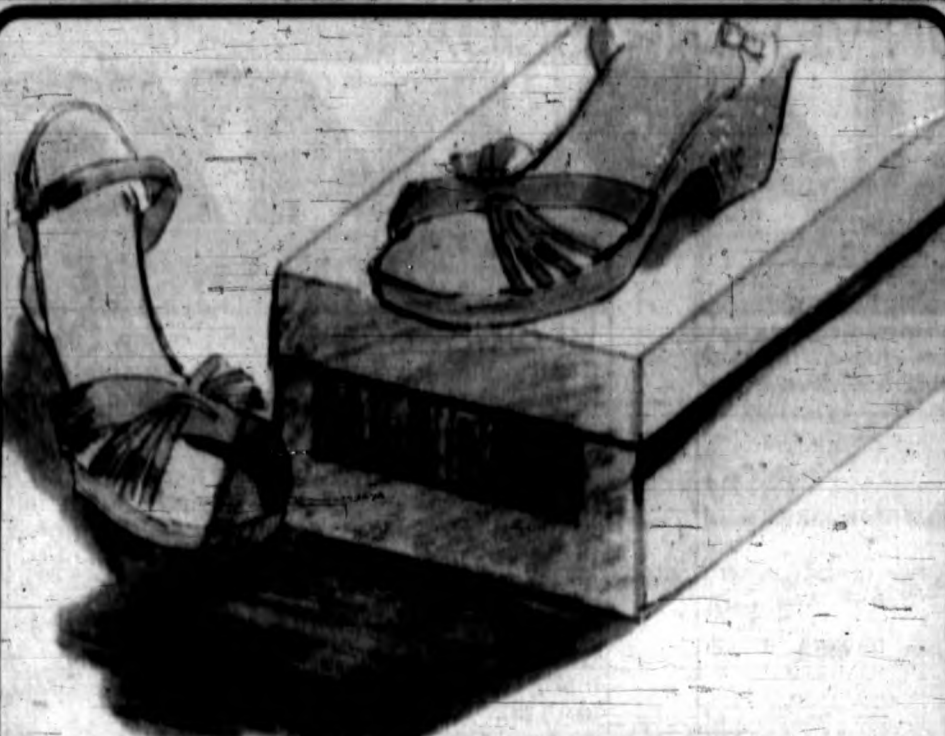
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ASI pushes for student input

BY RHONDA BOZARTH

Summer Staff Writer

Cal Poly students may get a chance to tell policy makers their views on certain issues if a federally-funded ASI position for conducting campus surveys is approved.

ASI Vice President Jeff Land has proposed two new job positions for the ASI, one of which would set up a survey technique similar to the Gallup and Harris polls. Through it randomly selected students would be surveyed to determine overall student views on specific issues.

The other job position would be set up to publicize special student projects and programs provided by the ASI. Land said these positions are available to the ASI through the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA), a federally funded agency providing employment opportunities for unemployed people.

Land said he heard he could apply for funding of these positions from Dean of Students Russell Brown. Brown said he came up with the idea for the CETA positions as a result of a "brainstorming" session with Land and other ASI officers. The session focused on ways of making student government more effective.

"I think it would be very helpful to student government to get a quick response to issues," Brown said.

Land said he believes the student surveys would give credibility and support to requests the ASI makes of thousands administration.

"If our request is reasonable and we have a survey to back us up, then the administration would listen to what we have to say," Land said.

Land also said the surveys could help the Student Senate give valid opinions to the California State Students Association (CSSA) on statewide issues affecting Poly students. The CSSA has two full-time lobbyists in the State Legislature representing 300,000 students in the state university system.

Land said he did not know of any other campuses that have these surveys, but he said he thinks other campuses would be

interested in the idea if Cal Poly gets good results.

When asked whether or not he would still be interested in the job position for surveying if the ASI had to fund it, Land said, "Right now we don't have any excess in our budget." He indicated it would be a matter for the students to decide.

"For the cost invested in it, comparatively speaking, it stands to benefit 15,000 students," Land said.

Land said the CETA position, which requires a background in computer science, would only be needed for one year. Then the ASI could administer the surveys.

"It's more of a task than a position," Land said.

According to the affirmative action coordinator at Cal Poly, Smiley Wilkins, the top salary a person employed through CETA can earn a year after April 1, 1979 is \$7,093.

Wilkins said CETA positions are granted if a need for each one can be justified. He said Cal Poly has 18 or 19 CETA positions now.

Wilkins said Poly's chances for being granted these two positions are "reasonably good" and that if everything goes well implementation could start in September.

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Mork and Mindy in the classroom? Not quite, but a new video system Cal Poly's Audio Visual Department is hoping to finish by Fall will pipe educational television into classes instead of using a teacher's time setting up the video machine.

"This system will let us do other jobs better," said associate director of audio visual, Marcus Gold. "It will save a lot of time and maintenance also."

The video cassette deck which sits under the television in the classroom would be housed in the Audio Visual Department stock room. The teacher would call an audio visual technician and request a time to play a tape, said Gold.

Gold said it takes two people to move the television and audio visual cassette machine from room to room, but he said he doesn't think the new system will cut any jobs in the department.

"We're changing five alarm systems this summer also," said Gold. "We're also waiting for two necessary features which won't be here until Aug. 10, so the video units aren't in operation yet."

These features are the line extender amplifiers, which boost the picture from the stock room to the classroom, he said.

The constant moving of cassette units have in the past damaged many of them and Gold said the new system will eliminate this because the units are permanent.

Gold commented the equipment is somewhat hard to come by and is also expensive. He did not say how much the project would cost but several departments at Poly would be contributing to the fund.

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DRAWING TO BE HELD AUGUST 2

She braves abuse to help the kids

BY MARYANN GILPATRICK

Summer Staff Writer

Susan R. Latta goes to work every day with a good chance of being hit, bitten and verbally abused. She calls her work "very emotionally draining."

Latta, a senior child development major, is completing the last of three quarters of C.D.453, Supervised Field Work, at the San Luis Obispo Youth Services Center. In the red brick building behind General Hospital, children, many with violent emotional problems, are learning how to cope with education in "more appropriate" ways.

Latta said she is helping the children, along with other interns, counselors, teachers and psychologists, through a behavior modification program. The program uses a system of reward and punishment to "reinforce appropriate behaviors," according to a descriptive leaflet.

Children who are emotionally disturbed, who cannot complete schoolwork, or for some reason cannot be in regular schools, are enrolled in the program with their parents' full knowledge and consent to its methods, the leaflet stated.

Counselors and psychologists talk to the children and their families to learn about individual problem

behaviors, Latta said. Then, "point cards" are made for individual children, listing behaviors that need changing.

Children begin each morning with 100 points. If they misbehave, workers subtract points from their cards. If they behave, points are added. Added points "buy" privileges. The more points students have, the more things they can do, said Latta. Each child needs 800 points to go on the weekly group outing, 100 points to play pool in the game room and 30 points to get a snack.

When children complete school work, staff members award them "money" that buys things like candy, games and models from the school store. Extra money is "banked" and can be spent later, Latta said.

If a child misbehaves and subtracting points from his card doesn't curb the problem behavior, Latta said staff workers give him a "time out." Workers put the child in a 6 foot by 10 foot room with three bare walls and a curtain separating the child from the rest of the area, giving him a "time out" from his peers.

The child must be quiet for five minutes and must agree to stop the problem behavior before he leaves the time out room. If 15 minutes pass without cooperation, the child is sent home for the day, she

said.

These rewards and punishments are used to mold children's "problem behavior" into socially acceptable behavior so that they can return to the public school system as quickly as possible, the leaflet stated.

As an intern, Latta keeps a daily behavior record of a group of four 10 to 12-year-olds. She said she has to "constantly build them up and discipline them at the same time."

Latta said a lot of verbal and physical abuse goes on in the center. When she began her internship, she said she wasn't ready for 7-year-olds calling her a "bitch."

She said the Child Development Department at Cal Poly didn't prepare her for many of the situations she's had to face with the children at the center. Her child development classes

dealt "mainly with textbooks and ideal situations," she said.

Latta displayed a scar on her leg resulting from a child throwing a chunk of asphalt at her.

Because students have been unprepared, the Child Development Department is creating a new class for fall called, "Helping People," to provide students with counseling and interaction techniques before they do internships, Latta said.

She said her internship was "invaluable experience" that taught her "more than any classroom could."

Even if Latta doesn't use her education in a career, she said it has taught her a lot about herself, about how social systems work and about other people. "And people are always going to be around," she said with a smile.

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Review

Good play, good fun

BY DIANA BURNELL

Summer Staff Writer

Theater under the stars.

A unique experience, and a fitting setting for a Shakespearean comedy.

"As You Like It's" Forest of Arden comes alive in the night air with stars shining above as the players manage to capture the rollicking fun of this comedy. Music and dance add to the atmosphere.

One of the bard's best known comedies, "As You Like It" is one of seven among the fare during the summer season being presented by Santa Maria's PCPA (Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts). The production is showing at Solvang's open air Festival Theater.

This production was engaging and delightful. The setting, rather than Elizabethan England, was updated more to the 18th or 19th century, believably created with authentic costuming and gas lamps lighting part of the set.

Staging for the open air thrust stage, a hard job for any director, was handled well. No one in the house was disadvantaged, as its open set and almost continuous movement kept the audiences attention.

Outstanding in the cast were Melinda Deane as Rosalind and Mark Harelik as Orlando, the young lovers. Her energy and his comedy combined forcefully to keep the audiences attention and interest.

This show, and probably any other in the PCPA's summer repertory, would be well worth the drive down for an afternoon of shopping and dinner and the open air theater experience in the Danish town of Solvang. The show starts at 8:30 p.m. as the sun sets. It gets chilly so bring sweaters and blankets and possibly a thermos with something warm to drink.

Or, if the hour's drive to Solvang is too much, five of

the shows are also playing in Santa Maria at Alan Hancock's PCPA theater. ("As You Like It" and "Fiddler on the Roof" are playing only in Solvang.)

The PCPA company includes professional actors and crew as an educational experience for the rest of their members. The company, now in its 15th year, has been praised in both New West and Sunset magazines among others. An ambitious group, they are offering 137 performances in just ten weeks at their two theaters.

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